EARTH'S MIGHTIEST HEROES, UNITED AGAINST A COMMON THREAT! ON THAT DAY THE AVENGERS WERE BORN, TO FIGHT FOES THAT NO SINGLE HERO COULD WITHSTAND!

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IN THE PRESENT: NORMAL OSBORN'S DEFUNCT ORGANIZATION H.A.M.M.E.R. IS SETTING UP SHOP BUT THE NEW AVENGERS STOP THEM AND THEIR NEW LEADER SUPERIA BEFORE THEY EVEN GET STARTED. THE BATTLE IS UNDERWAY AND ALREADY HAS A VICTIM...MOCKINGBIRD IS DOWN.

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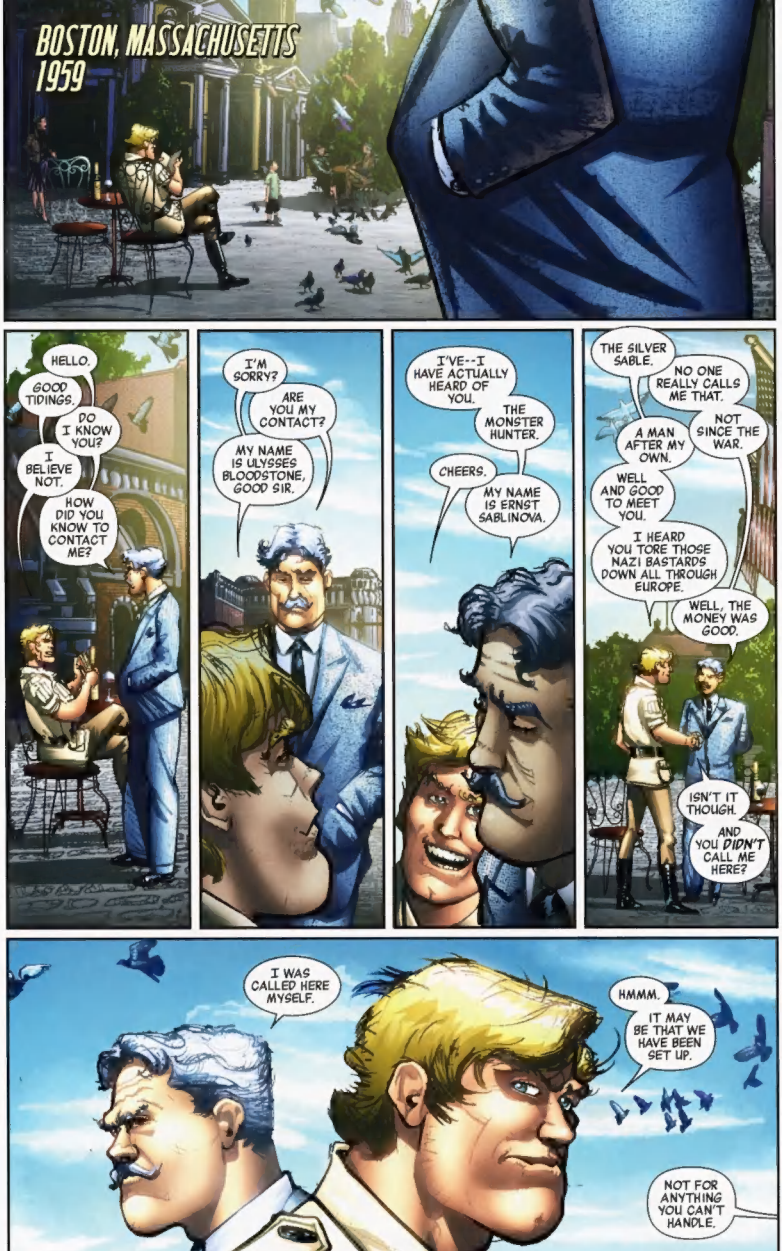
BARRINGTON, RHODE ISLAND
NOW
THE HOLCATE ILLUSION OF THE FEARS: BOOK OF VITHANTI, PAGE 3453.
HEY, GUYS!
HOW MANY OF DESE EX-H.A.M.M.E.R. AGENTS TRYIN' TO SET UP SHOP AS A NEW PACK OF WHACKOS DOES IT TAKE TO COWER IN THEIR BOOTS WHEN THEY GETTA LOAD OF HOW AWESOME WE ARE?
ARE YOU ASKING RHETORICALLY, BENJAMIN, OR--?
WAY TO SUCK THE WIND OUTTA THE SNAPPY PATTER, DOCTOR STRANGE.
WELL, IT WASN'T ALL THAT WITTY, ROCK PILE.
ROCK PILE?

DR. WENTWORTH? DO WE EVACUATE?
THE AVENGERS ARE RIGHT ON TOP OF US!
SUPERIA! YOU CALL ME SUPERIA!
WE DON'T USE CHRISTIAN NAMES IN THE FIELD, YOU IDIOT!
I'M GOING TO FIND OUT WHICH ONE OF YOU BLABBED ABOUT OUR SITUATION AND LOCATION AND I AM GOING TO GUT YOU DEAD.
I SWEAR TO GOD!
HOW DID THEY KNOW WE WERE HERE?
SMASH!

SHKADOOM
YOU OKAY, CAROL?
I DIDN'T KNOW SHE COULD DO THAT!
YOU NEED BACK-UP?
I GOT THIS!
WHERE DO WE GO? WHAT DO WE DO?
FAN OUT!
WE'LL REGROUP ELSEWHERE!
CRACK
SUPERIA?
REALLY?
SHKADOOM
REALLY.

SHKADOOM
WHO SENT YOU AVENGERS HERE?!
SHKADOOM
HOW COULD YOU POSSIBLY HAVE KNOWN ABOUT THIS?!
WHO TOLD YOU ABOUT THIS OPERATION?
I PURPOSEFULLY WENT OFF YOU PEOPLE'S RADAR!
I PURPOSEFULLY DID THIS THE RIGHT WAY!
SHKADOOM
I'M SMARTER THAN ALL OF YOU PUT TOGETHER!

HELP!
SOMEBODY HELP!
OH, SHUSH!
THE TERESING BOOST SPELL OF HEALTH. BOOK OF VISHANTI, APPENDIX 23.
911 EMERGENCY.
WE HAVE A--WE HAVE A--A PERSON DOWN. WE HAVE SOMEONE WHO HAS BEEN SHOT.
WHERE ARE YOU?
IN THE--WHERE ARE WE?
TELL THEM IN FRONT OF COFFEE HEROES IN BARRINGTON! THE SHOPPING CENTER!
BONK
DID YOU HEAR THAT?
YES. WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
PLEASE HURRY.
POOP
YEAH, LIKE TELLING YOU MY NAME WAS GOING TO HELP MATTERS ALONG.
VISHANTI'S LIGHT OF ILLUMINATION. BOOK OF VISHANTI. PAGE 3.
BOBBI, CAN YOU HEAR ME?
IT'S DR. STRANGE...CAN YOU HEAR MY VOICE?
SHE'S NOT GOING TO MAKE IT.


BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS
1959
HELLO.
GOOD TIDINGS.
DO I KNOW YOU?
I BELIEVE NOT.
HOW DID YOU KNOW TO CONTACT ME?
I'M SORRY?
ARE YOU MY CONTACT?
MY NAME IS ULYSSES BLOODSTONE, GOOD SIR.
I'VE--I HAVE ACTUALLY HEARD OF YOU.
THE MONSTER HUNTER.
CHEERS.
MY NAME IS ERNST SABLINOVA.
THE SILVER SABLE.
NO ONE REALLY CALLS ME THAT.
A MAN AFTER MY OWN.
NOT SINCE THE WAR.
WELL AND GOOD TO MEET YOU.
I HEARD YOU TORE THOSE NAZI BASTARDS DOWN ALL THROUGH EUROPE.
WELL, THE MONEY WAS GOOD.
ISN'T IT THOUGH.
AND YOU DIDN'T CALL ME HERE?
I WAS CALLED HERE MYSELF.
HMMM.
IT MAY BE THAT WE HAVE BEEN SET UP.
NOT FOR ANYTHING YOU CAN'T HANDLE.

I said, "No, really?" And I remember I huffed out of there thinking, "Okay, fine, you don't like me, you don't have to make up a story."

Carol Danvers: Well, if you remember what Hawkeye's new costume looked like back then, I think the more surprising revelation to that story is that he liked girls. (Laughs)

Clint Barton: Oh, come on! Like anyone on this team should ever diss anyone else's costume choices. Who said that? Ms. Sash Belt?

Carol Danvers: Purple miniskirt. (Laughs)

Clint Barton: Okay! All right!!

The Vision: The truth is that my feelings towards Wanda were, and somewhat always have been, quite wrapped up in my quest to understand my humanity. Every time I thought I had come to terms with it, some new layer would pull back and reveal itself to me. Some new self-realization. This time I was forced to deal with the connection between myself and Simon Williams. The man that most people know as the Avenger Wonder Man.

Simon Williams (Wonder Man/Avenger): I had come to the Avengers in the worst possible way. I had, at that time, a very unhealthy relationship with my brother Eric. I couldn't see what a bad influence he was on me. Well, when you have a father like we did, it's not hard to understand why either of us would have an unhealthy understanding of what good and bad was. In a very short period of time, I had been arrested for embezzling money from my father's munitions factory, which made me susceptible to an offer from Baron Heinrich Zemo. And when I say offer, I mean I became his pawn. I hope you know nothing I'm telling you is a point of pride. This is probably the textbook definition of a misspent youth. If I remember, the original plan was I was given what I'm sure was Baron Zemo's cracked idea of the Super-Soldier serum and I was turned into the first version of Wonder Man. I was then put into a position to infiltrate the Avengers. I was to be a sleeper agent. I was to gain their trust and friendship and at the right moment, when they least expected it, destroy their world. Thankfully, I was able to wake myself up and realize I didn't want any part of what I was doing. I honestly couldn't even trace my steps to realize how I got where I had gotten. But I liked being an Avenger. I liked it. It felt right. I turned it all on its head and I helped the Avengers take down Zemo and…it cost me my life.

Tony Stark: I was fascinated by almost everything Zemo was up to. He's a crazy son of a bitch, but the guy had vision. The guy thought outside the box. I didn't want what felt like, at the time, the results of the Simon Williams experiment to be lost because of who Zemo was. I took as many samples as I could and had Hank Pym record his brainwave and pulse rate patterns in the hope that we could find a way to revive Simon. I don't know what I thought I was doing. I just didn't want to give up on Simon.

Simon Williams: So I'm alive…barely. Existing in a catatonic state. Meanwhile, my brother decided to become something the Avengers would fear. He became the Grim Reaper. He's an idiot.

Dr. Henry Pym: As I told you before, I didn't create the Vision. I created the artificial intelligence that created the Vision. I created Ultron, and Ultron created the Vision. So, I am not the Vision's father. I am his grandfather. Ultron is the one who stole

Simon Williams' brain patterns and used them as a template to create the structure of a personality and intelligence for the Vision. And some people don't know this, but the Vision's biological frame was actually constructed from the original Human Torch android that Phineas Horton made back before World War II. So the Vision is half-Human Torch, half-Wonder Man. Kind of interesting. Fascinating, really.

Tony Stark: So the predicament that the Vision found himself in isn't so much that he was an artificial man, the first one of his kind, but that he was physically constructed from these other heroes. The building blocks of his personality are of other human beings. And that human being was someone we knew. What I'm saying is, it's a miracle that the Vision hasn't decided to kill us all and drink our blood.

Vision: Simon's brother Eric Williams, the man you know as the Grim Reaper, came to me. And he kept referring to me as his brother. He kept telling me that as far as he was concerned, I was Simon Williams and that we were brothers. Eric had Simon Williams' comatose body in cold storage and threatened to destroy it if I didn't betray the Avengers. He desperately wanted me to do that thing that Simon Williams would not do, which is turn on the Avengers. And what's worse, he wanted me to do it in the most passive of ways. He thought that he could beat the Avengers…if only I did nothing. And in return, he offered me humanity. He said he discovered a way to put my essence into the comatose body of his brother. I would be human. I would be that thing that I yearned for.

Carol Danvers: You have to remember, these things the Vision was going through--all of these things were firsts for him. This was first love. This was first hate. Every day was a brand new experience. So, cut him some slack. These choices in front of him…he had to make them himself.

Tony Stark: I didn't know any of this was going on with him. I really wish he had figured out that he could have come to us. He could've confided in us and we would've helped him. But maybe it was all for the best because at the end of the day, the guy made the right choice. He did the right thing. And he did it on his own.

Rick Jones: The Vision was one of the few people who knew that I shared 'space' with Captain Marvel. He came to me and I went to Captain Marvel and Captain Marvel surprised the hell out of the Grim Reaper and that's that.

Vision: If you're asking me why I could not go directly to the Avengers for help, I'm unclear. In some ways, it felt that the Grim Reaper's offer was a quest that I and I alone had to see to its conclusion. I am truly glad I did because I realized what I was. You are, anyone is, the sum total of their choices. And my choice was clear. And with that my humanity was intact. If it wasn't, I wouldn't feel these things that I feel. I would not yearn for the things that I yearn for. The very fact that I had yearnings meant that I was human.

Carol Danvers: Is that about when they were officially an item? I never knew exactly when.

Hawkeye: And then one day you wake up and the hottest lady on the Avengers is dating a robot. And they lived happily ever after.

Except they didn't.

To be continued in Avengers #11...